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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed December 12, 2001, which response is being made on or before February 12, 2002, and for which no extension fee is due.

By said Action, the drawing sheets were deemed as not having the appropriate margins.

By this response, Applicant is submitting 4 new formal drawing sheets to correct the informality noted by the Application Branch, along with the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

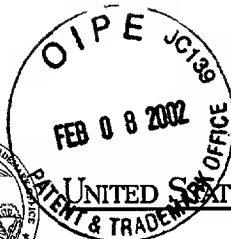
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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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